

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 070338
ORIGIN EA-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 L-03 EB-08 COME-00 TRSE-00 INT-05
OPIC-03 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 SS-15 NSC-05 H-01
OMB-01 AGRE-00 STR-07 SP-02 PA-01 USIA-06 /080 R

DRAFTED BY EA/ANP:TJWAJDA:RLW
APPROVED BY EA/ANP:EHURWITZ
L/EB:BENSON (INFO)
EB/IFD:BLACK (INFO)

-----048013 190601Z /15

R 181117Z MAR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 070338

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EVIN AS

SUBJECT:DILLINGHAM CLAIM

REF: CANBERRA 1498

1. SUMMARY. AUSTRALIAN DESK OFFICER WAJDA MET WITH
DILLINGHAM REPRESENTATIVE BRADFIELD MARCH 16 TO DISCUSS
STATUS OF COMPANY'S CLAIM AGAINST GOA. BRADFIELD
REVIEWED FRUITLESS DISCUSSION DILLINGHAM HELD WITH DEPUTY
PM ANTHONY IN CANBERRA AND SAID FIRM WOULD BE PUTTING
ITS CASE TO USG AGAIN NEXT WEEK. END SUMMARY.

2. IN REVIEWING MEETING WITH ANTHONY, BRADFIELD COVERED
GROUND REPORTED IN REFTEL. HE ADDED THAT PRIVATE
AUSTRALIANS CLOSE TO ANTHONY HAD INDICATED DEPUTY PM HAD
URGED FRASER TO RAISE GOA'S OFFER FROM DOLLARS 4 MILLION
TO DOLLARS 12 MILLION. FRASER ADAMANTLY REFUSED TO
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 070338

CONSIDER ANY INCREASE.

3. BRADFIELD SAID DILLINGHAM VICE PRESIDENT CARTER IS
COMING TO WASHINGTON WEEK OF MARCH 20 TO DISCUSS CASE WITH
VARIOUS OFFICIALS INCLUDING SENATOR INOUE. OBJECTIVE
OF MEETING WITH SENATOR INOUE WILL BE TO ENLIST SENATOR'S
SUPPORT TO HAVE VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE RAISE ISSUE WITH

PRIME MINISTER FRASER DURING HIS VISIT TO CANBERRA. WHEN WAJDA OBSERVED THAT THERE WAS LIKELY TO BE LITTLE OR NO DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL ISSUES OF THIS NATURE, BRADFIELD SAID HE HOPED IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR VICE PRESIDENT TO BRING UP CLAIM PRIVATELY WITH FRASER DURING SOCIAL FUNCTION OR OTHER OCCASION OUTSIDE OF FORMAL MEETINGS. IT IS BRADFIELD'S VIEW THAT FRASER HAS TO BE APPROACHED DIRECTLY CONCERNING CLAIM BUT THAT THIS MUST BE DONE IN DISCREET MANNER. HE BELIEVES FRASER WOULD BE IMPRESSED BY HIGH-LEVEL USG INTEREST IN CLAIM AND THAT VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD PROPOSE THIRD PARTY ASSISTANCE OR SOME OTHER OPTION FOR RESOLUTION OF ISSUE. AS EXAMPLE OF "OTHER" OPTION, BRADFIELD SUGGESTED GOA MIGHT AGREE TO DEFEND CASE IN AUSTRALIAN COURT ON NON-PRECEDENT SETTING BASIS DESPITE FACT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO LEGAL REQUIREMENT FOR IT TO DO SO.

4. BRADFIELD MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF INSTITUTING PROCEEDINGS UNDER LITTLE USED SECTION SUGAR ACT WHICH ALLOWS US TO PLACE A LEVY ON IMPORTS OF SUGAR FROM COUNTRIES THAT HAVE NOT ADEQUATELY COMPENSATED EXPROPRIATED AMERICAN FIRMS. HE BACKED OFF FROM THIS PROPOSAL WHEN WAJDA POINTED OUT THAT IT WOULD HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT ON US-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS AND WOULD LIKELY FURTHER STIFFEN FRASER'S ATTITUDE. VANCE
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 070338

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: CLAIMS, NEGOTIATIONS, GOVERNMENT DEBTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE070338
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: TJWAJDA:RLW
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780121-0654
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780351/aaaabqre.tel
Line Count: 94
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 0f987cc4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 CANBERRA 1498
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3280931
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: DILLINGHAM CLAIM
TAGS: EFIN, AS, DILLINGHAM
To: CANBERRA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/0f987cc4-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014